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TO: Our Valued Customer

FROM: Ha Dang, Agricultural Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** FISCAL YEAR 18-19 FEES

The County of San Diego's Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) is committed to supporting a diverse agricultural community, a fair marketplace, and a sustainable environment while providing quality service in a cost-effective manner.

Based on Countywide negotiated labor increases that took effect in November 2017 after the last fee adjustment, the AWM Fee Proposal for Fiscal Year 18-19 is necessary to address cost increases and ensure compliance with the Board of Supervisors' (Board) policy of cost recovery. This proposal represents the Department's commitment to the Board to make recovering costs a regular part of our business, while providing affected stakeholders an opportunity to plan for the increases.

After completing an annual cost review and receiving Board approval in April 2018, AWM will increase 10 fees, remove 3 fees, and leave 21 fees unchanged. Fee increases range from \$1 to \$7 for an average adjustment of approximately 2.6%. The following fee adjustments are to be effective **July 1, 2018**.

Pest Exclusion – Export Certification	Current	New	\$ Change
International Plant Shipment Certificate	\$94	\$95	\$1
Domestic Counter Service Certificate	\$32	\$33	\$1
Missed Appointment Fee	\$65	\$66	\$1
Direct Marketing Program			
Certified Farmers' Market Certificate	\$175	\$182	\$7
Certified Producer's (CP) Certificate	\$50	\$52	\$2
Additional County Listing on CP	\$9	\$10	\$1
CP's Certificate Change or Addition	\$9	\$10	\$1

Agricultural Water Quality Program – inspections will continue			
Annual Stormwater Registration	\$100	Removed	
Inititial Inspection Hourly Rate	\$72	Removed	
Re-inspection Hourly Rate	\$108	Removed	

If you have questions regarding the fees, please contact the following AWM staff members:

- Pest Exclusion: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Travis Elder by phone at (760) 752-4787 or by email at Travis.Elder@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- Direct Marketing and Agricultural Water Quality: Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Dinna Morris by phone at (858) 614-7784 or by email at Dinna.Morris2@sdcounty.ca.gov.

We look forward to working with you to promote a diverse agricultural community, a fair marketplace, and a sustainable environment. Thank you.